

State of Texas

Orange County<sup>ss</sup> on this day James P. Platillo and  
Abraham Dett ages Respectfully 46-38 years boath  
Residents of Orange County in the state above named  
wee the abov named and Described do Certify that Payton  
Blair, - did sign and acknowledge to the abov Declaration  
this day in our presence and we further state that the  
said Payton Blair, has been well known to us for many  
years and he is a reputed soldier of the Service of the  
Wars in Texas as he has set forth in his Declaration, and  
from our acquaintance with him and from his statements  
and his general undisputed reputation we are fully satis-  
fied of the truth of his abov Declaration and of his  
Identitly as he describes himself and of his service there  
in made and we are disinterested, witness our hands and  
Seals this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1859

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James J. Platillo P.D.

Abraham Dett P.D.

State of Texas

County of Orange<sup>ss</sup>

Be it known that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April  
A.D. 1859 Before me W. H. Duran within and for said  
County duly authorized by Law to administer oaths for  
general purposes came Payton Blair, same well known  
and he did subscribe and Swear to the foregoing Decl-  
ARATION of this date described to him to be of the age that  
he calls himself. At the same time also came Abraham  
Dett J. H. Platillo boath well known to me as persons  
of good reputation for Truth and Veracity and they  
did sign and Swear to the foregoing Deed affiant  
of this date described to them I believe them to be of the